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1. SOMMARY: MAKARIOS HAS ANNOUNCED GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL TAKE CYPRUS PROBLEM TO UN IRRESPECTIVE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND COMPLAINED THAT PRESSURE IS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON GOC TO ACCEDE TO TALKS AT COMMITTEE LEVEL INCLUDING PRESENCE OF GREEK AND TURKISH EXPERTS. END SUMMARY.

2. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IN SERMON SEPT 12 AT LEFKARA COMPLAINED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS "SHALL PROBABLY BEFORCED INTO A LONG

STRUGGLE, SINCE WE SHALL HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE." HE REPEATED HIS CALLS FOR COMMUNAL UNITY AFTER HARD FOUGHT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENATIVES DURING WHICH PARTISAN FEELINGS RAN HIGH AND RECRIMINATIONS WERE WIDESPREAD.

3. NOTING EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, ARCHBISHOP OBSERVED: "OUR RESPONSE TO CALL BY UN SYG WILL BE POSITIVE FOR A NEW ROUND OF TALKS IRRESPECTIVE OF PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS. BUT TURKISH SIDE WILL PROBABLY INSIST THAT TALKS SHOULD START AT COMMITTEE LEVEL WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM GREECE AND TURKEY. THE TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR COMMITTEES CONCEALS MANY ULTERIOR MOTIVES AND IS CONSIDERED REJECTABLE (SIC) ON OUR PART, THOUGH SOME CIRCLES ARE GIVING US PERSISTENT ADVISE TO ACCEPT IT, ADVICE THAT ALMOST ASSUMES THE FORM OF PRESSURE. THE TALKS, IN THE EVENT THEY ARE RESUMED, WILL NOT PREVENT OUR NEW RECOURSE TO THE UNITED NATIONS."

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